S Waugh c Jacobs b Ambrose 4

Extras: (b-2, lb-1, w-3, nb-11) 17

223; 4-241; 5-265; 6-287; 7-288;

Fall of wkts: 1-15; 2-76; 3-

WEST INDIES: Second in-

Campbell c Healy b McGrath 29

55

Healy c Adams b Hooper

MacGill c Perry b Hooper

Miller c Lara b Walsh

Dale c Hooper b Walsh

Ponting not out

McGrath b Walsh

8-288; 9-296.

Bowler

Walsh

Hooper

Adams

Perry

nings

Collymore

Griffith not out

Adams not out

Joseph c Miller b Dale

Lara lbw b McGrath

Hooper lbw b Blewett

Extras: (lb-4, nb-2)

Ambrose

Calcutta Press Club cricket team will visit Bangladesh from April 16 to 18 at the invitation of the Jatiya Press Club (JPC), reports BSS.

The team will play a friendly match against JPC at the Bangabandhu National Sta-

dium on April 17. Net-practice of the JPC players starts at the Dhanmondi Club Ground on April 9.

Twenty journalists from dif-ferent daily newspapers and news agencies, who have been selected for net-practice, have been requested to report to manager Kamalur Rahman or Captain M Qamruzzaman at the Dhanmondi Club Ground at 8 am on April 9.

The selected players are: M Qamruzzaman, Rouful Hasan, Hannan Khan. Masud Ahmed Rumi, Mujtaba Danish, Partha Tanveer Naved, Syed Mamun, Badal Mustafiz, Saidur Rahman Shamim, Raihan Al-Mugni, Al-Musabbir Sadi, Mahmudul Hakim Apu, Arifur Rahman Babu, Dilu Khondakar, Hassan Babli, Farhad, Nasimul Hasan Dodul, Shahriar Ferdous Suvra, Dibakar Nayan, Sajjad Hossain Sabuj, Saifur Rahman,

KB Roy cricket

Cricket Coaching School (CCS) became Masters Group champions of the Meril KB Roy memorial cricket tournament beating Kalabagan XI by four wickets at the Kalabagan Krira Chakra ground yesterday, re-ports UNB.

Sent in to bat first, Kalabagan XI scored 145 for 9 in stipulated 25 overs with Masum making 50. Emon and Ehtesham took three wickets each.

In reply, Cricket Coaching School (CCS) reached their target of 146 for 6 in 24.1 overs with Emon scoring 40. Akbar captured three wickets. In the day's Cup-Group

match, Cricket Coaching front of his home crowd, School (CCS) stormed to the grabbed three for 55 from 27 semifinal with a massive 8overs. Walsh, a year older, finwicket victory over Boy Care at ished with four for 78 off 32.4 the same venue. overs to take his series tally to Opting to bat first, Boy Care 26 wickets. Carl Hooper's tidy

were all out for a paltry 36 in 16 overs. In reply, CCS reached their target making 40 for 2 in 5.2 overs.

Inter-district kabadi begins today

The Green Delta inter-district kabadi tournament begins at the Outer Stadium today, reports UNB.

President of Bangladesh Amateur Kabadi Federation Habibur Rahman Molla, MP, will inaugurate the three-day tourney in the morning while president of the Bangladesh Olympic Association and Army Chief Lt Gen Mohammad Mustafizur Rahman will be the chief guest at the closing function on Saturday.

Joypurhat will take on Tangail in the opening match.

The 16 participating teams Dhaka, Manikgani, Comilla, Mymensingh, Rangamati, Tangail, Moulvibazar, Khulna, Satkhira, Patuakhali, Pirojpur, Rajshahi, Joypurhat, Rangpur, Kurigram and Dina-

Bigger Fed Cup next year

LONDON, Apr 7: The Fed Cup women's team tennis event wil be revamped next year with 13 teams instead of eight qualifying for the World Group, the International Tennis Federation announced today, reports Reuters.

The 1999 champions will have a bye through to the finals next year while the other 12 teams battle through three round robin groups in three venues over one calendar week. Under the new format the

eight teams from the 1999 World Group One will be joined by four winning teams from the first round of World Group Two and a 13th team emerging from a play-off.

That play-off will comprise the other four World Group Two the regional qualifying groups.

the event this year and a simi-

enter the various regional

nations and four teams from The three group winners will join the reigning champions in the finals played over one week later in the year, with the holdsana. ers having the choice of ground. A total of 99 nations entered

lar number is anticipated to of Scotland.

Flockhart, ranked 41st in

qualifying events leading to next year's finals. Striking Yugoslavs

MADRID, Apr 7 (Reuters/ Internet): At least three of Spain's six striking Yugoslav internationals will return to league action this weekend despite continued NATO attacks on their country.

ready to return

Mallorca's Jovan Stankovic, Miroslav Djukic of Valencia and Tenerife striker Slavisa Jokanovic say they intend to play for their clubs in the league at the weekend.

The other three players who chose not to play last weekend -- Real Madrid's Predrag Mijatovic, Celta Vigo's Goran Djorovic and Albert Nadj of Oviedo -- have yet to decide whether to play.

Mijatovic, who was fined 5.5 million pesetas (\$35,600) for not playing against Alaves on Sunday, met club president Lorenzo Sanz on Tuesday in an

effort to solve the problem. Djorovic and Nadj have both had more support from their clubs, however, and there is less pressure on them to return to action.

Aussies in the driving seat

caught by Colin Miller. Joseph had lashed the same bowler for

three fours in his previous over bowler Glenn Mcbefore miscuing his lofted hit Grath took West and picking out mid on. .. Indies captain Brain Lara among Lara's arrival prompted captwo wickets and Australia built tain Steve Waugh to immediately introduce his ace fast a winning position Tuesday at the close of the fourth day of the bowler, McGrath. fourth and final Test, reports

ST JOHN'S, Anti-

gua, Apr 7: Fast

The Australians must win to

level the Cable and Wireless se-

ries 2-2 and retain the Frank

Worrell Trophy they have held

from 18 probing overs as the

West Indies, set a formidable

388 to win, reached 105 for four

by stumps. His performance

lifted McGrath's series-high to-

Row of England was interview-

ing both McGrath and Lara af-

ter the two reportedly ex-

changed angry words in the

dressing room at the end of the

Lara's wicket for seven sent

The gifted left-hander, with

the Australian players into un-

three centuries in his previous

four innings in the series, was

trapped plumb in front as Mc-

Grath got a ball to hold its line

and beat Lara's defensive bat. It was the 10 time in 13 tests that

McGrath has dismissed the

Greg Blewett followed up with

another crucial wicket, that of

the experienced Carl Hooper.

who was adjudged leg before by

pleted his third Test century but

Australia's second innings

slumped from 209 for two

overnight to 306 all out. Fast

bowler Curtly Ambrose started

the slide and his long-serving

pace partner Courtney Walsh

ended it as Australia added just

off-spin earned him three for 69

was eventually dismissed for

127. The Western Australian

batted 395 minutes, faced 308

balls and hit eight fours and

Waugh, added only five runs

before being dismissed by Am-

brose for 65. Waugh and

Langer's partnership for the

Indies' pursuit by forcing Bar-

badian opener Adrian Griffith

to retire hurt at 25 without loss.

Griffith was struck on his right

elbow as he pulled his bat away

and allowed a bouncer to hit

him. He resumed later in the

day and was unbeaten 16 at

close. Fellow left-hander

made the first breakthrough,

halting Dave Joseph's ill-ad-

Medium pacer Adam Dale

Jimmy Adams was not out 18.

McGrath stalled the West

third wicket was worth 147.

His overnight partner, Mark

Langer, who resumed on 84.

The 35-year-old Ambrose, in

97 runs in 42.4 overs.

from 30.4 overs.

two sixes.

Earlier, Justin Langer com-

umpire Dave Orchard for 12.

Part-time medium pacer

restrained celebration.

Match referee Raman Subba

McGrath took two for 27

since 1995.

day's play.

Trinidadian.

tal of wickets to 29.

The move paid dividends 'right away, with McGrath accounting for opener Sherwin Campbell, who edged an expansive drive at a wide delivery to wicket-keeper Ian Healy. Campbell passed 2,000 runs in compiling 29 from 74 balls with five boundaries before his rash stroke.

The match enters its final day Wednesday.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the fourth day of the fourth and final Test between West Indies and Australia on Tuesday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings 303 (S Waugh 72, Langer 51; C Ambrose 5-94)



Australia's occasional medium-pacer Greg Blewett is ecstatic after trapping Carl Hooper leg before during the fourth day's play of the final Test in Antigua on April 6. - Internet photo

WEST INDIES: First innings 222 (B Lara 100)+ AUSTRALIA: Second innings (overnight 209-2) Blewett Ibw b Ambrose Slater b Walsh . Langer b Hooper M Waugh c Jacobs b Ambrose 65

Fall of wkts: 1-56; 2-58; 3-69; Bowler (to date) O M R McGrath 8 27 Dale 0 21 MacGill Miller 24

vised attack by having him Blewett Seeds start smoothly



TOKYO, Apr 7: Defending champion Peter Gade Christensen of Denmark and 10 of 15 other seeds in

men's singles were triumphant Wednesday, advancing to the third round of the 180,000 dollars Yonex Japan Open Badminton Championships, reports AP.

Ranking players joining the round of 16 included third seed Budi Santoso of Indonesia, forth-seeded Sun Jun of China and No 5 seed Peter Rasmussen of Denmark.

Prominent players eliminated in the second round included fifth-seeded Chen Gang of China, No 7 seed Hendrawan of Indonesia, eighth seed Yong Hock Kin of Malaysia and ninth-seeded Dong Jiong of China.

Second seed Fung Permadi of Taiwan made a first-round exit Tuesday.

A few number of winners from countries other than traditional badminton powerhouses China, Indonesia and Denmark were South Korean Ahn Jae-chang, Malaysia's Ong Ewe Hock and Wong Choong Hann, Keita Masuda of Japan and Thailand's Boonsak Pol-

Gade Christensen, topranked and top-seeded, displayed a variety of combinations of smashes and drop shots, leading 5-0 in the opening set against Bruce Flockhart

the world, came back with some impressive shots and tied the score at 8-8 at one point. But he began committing a series of errors that gave the fast-moving Dane seven straight points and

"I was in full control in the second set, and I tried some shots that I'm practicing," said the 22-year-old Gade Christensen, who has been leading the world rankings since the late 1997, when he surged ahead of Dong Jiong from the second

"It has gone well so far in this tournament. But I might have a tough game tomorrow, against Dong Jiong," he said before unseeded Chien Yu-hsiu of Taiwan ousted Dong 15-10, 15-

In another upset, Masuda, ranked 71st in the world, rallied past ninth-ranked Chen 4-15, 15-11, 15-2, scooping up the shuttle throughout no matter where it landed.

"Chen was the highestranked opponent I have defeated so far," said a jubilant Masuda. "I knew he would start aggressively. So I played with patience, and tried to force longer rallies to prevent him from coming to the net because he is good at the net."

In the second round of women's singles competition, which offers a top prize of 12,420 dollars compared to the men's 14:400 dollars, defending champion Gong Ruina of China breezed past Japan's Keiko Takano 11-2, 11-6.

Gong, second-seeded and

ranked third in the world, is the highest ranked here in the absence of top-seeded, and the world's No 1 player, Dai Yun, also of China. Dai withdrew with leg injuries.

The world's No 2 singles shuttler, Camilla Martin of Denmark, also is sitting out, in her case for training at home to prepare for the biennial world championships next month in Copenhagen.

Defending world champion and third-seeded Ye Zhaoying of China overpowered Japan's Fumi Iwawaki 11-1, 11-1 with short serves followed by decisive smashes and effective drop

shots. The 24-year-old Ye. runnerup here last year, is seeking her third Japan Open title. She first won it in 1993 and again in

To the home crowd's disappointment, Asian Games champion Kanako Yonekura lost to fifth seed Zhang Ning of China 11-7, 13-12.

"I had some chances, especially in the second set, but wasn't able to turn the tide because of errors on my part." Yonekura said. "I just couldn't concentrate under the strain of being the home crowd's lavourite.

In Bangkok in December, Yonekura defeated Ye and Gong on her way to Japan's first Asian Games badminton gold medal in 28 years.

The 18th annual Japan Open, the third in this year's 18 Grand Prix-level tournaments, runs through Sunday.



Chinese Taipei's Chien Yu-Hsiu in action during his Yonex Japan Open match against China's Dong Jiong at Tokyo yesterday. - AFP photo

McGrath fined for spitting

ST JOHN'S, Antigua, Apr 7 (Reuters/ Internet): Australian fast bowler Glenn McGrath was fined 30 per cent of his match fee (about U.S.\$1,436) on Wednesday for bringing the game into disrepute.

International Cricket Council (ICC) match referee Raman Subba Row severely reprimanded McGrath for spitting on the pitch after the last ball of the fourth day's play in the fourth and final Test against West Indies on Tuesday.

Subba Row said McGrath would now have to pay the suspended fine of 30 per cent of his match fee imposed during the fourth Test against England last December when he abused fast bowler Alan Mullally. That fine was valid until the

end of this month. It was accepted that McGrath did not spit at West Indies opener Adrian Griffith, as the home team had complained, but Subba Row said spitting of any sort would not be condoned.

"Such action seen by so many television viewers as well as spectators at the ground brought the game into disre-pute," Subba Row said.

Having apologised for something which occurred on the spur of the moment, McGrath has been severely reprimanded and warned as to his future

"The international game can be played competitively without incidents which set such a bad example to others in the game, particularly the younger players," Subba Row added.

Fowler disciplined

LIVERPOOL, Apr 7: England striker Robbie Fowler was fined and given a formal warning by his Liverpool Club on Tuesday over his controversial goal celebrations in Saturday's Merseyside derby win against Everton, reports Reuters.

After scoring a 15th minute penalty Fowler twice knelt down and sniffed the white goal-line in a stimulated display of drug-taking in response to chants by Everton supporters about an alleged drug habit.

Fowler, already facing an English FA hearing on Friday over a misconduct charge following a clash with Chelsea defender and England Teammate Graeme Le Saux in February. was further charged by the FA on Tuesday over the Anfield incident.

He was ordered to appear before a Liverpool board meeting and told of his fine, believed to be two weeks' wages.

Liverpool chairman David Moors said: "The club deeply regret what happened on the field and made it very clear that they would not allow any player or other persons to damage the club's reputation without taking a firm response.

The club, however, recognise that for far too long Robbie has been the subject of totally unjustified allegations and rumours about drugs and other personal matters which can only be described as a pack of

There was also the long period during which he feared that his career might be over as the result of an extremely serious injury.

The club now regard the matter as closed and have accepted the player's assurances that he will not give any further grounds for complaint.

Fowler publicly apologised for his behaviour on Sunday. He issued a statement saying: "I would like to apologise unequivocally for my first goal celebration.

"Despite my actions being taken in the heat of the moment I realise that they have caused great offence."

Fowler got into trouble in the league match with Chelsea when he bent over and pointed to his backside in an attempt to cast a "gay" slur on the heterosexual Le Saux.

Le Saux was also charged with misconduct after video pictures showed the Chelsea player elbowing Fowler in the

Rafter fails, Krajicek sails

HONG KONG, Apr 7: Secondseed Patrick Rafter of Australia was bundled out of the 350,000 dollars Salem Open on Wednesday by Germany's Bernd Karbacher, reports AP.

Karbacher came back from a first-set loss to register a 6-7 (4-7), 7-6 (7-1), 6-2 victory over Rafter.

Rafter, the two-time defending US Open champion, struggled to find his feet on the hardcourt. He blamed his loss on poor serving. "It was a pretty ordinary ef-

fort on my part. The court con-

ditions were very difficult and it was very hard to see the ball. I also found nothing on my serve," said a dejected Rafter, the world No 5. After trading tie-breaks in the first two sets, Karbacher

turned on the pressure in the decisive third set as Rafter slumped. The German, ranked 117 in the world, broke Rafter twice to romp to victory. Cedric Pioline of France was

players. Pioline, the fourth seed, was beaten 2-6, 6-1, 6-4 by Italy's Laurence Tieleman in the first

another casualty among seeded

World No 4 Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands survived a shaky start before moving in to the second round with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Japan's No 1 and world No 10 Takao Suzuki. American Andre Agassi

hardly broke a sweat as he rushed to a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Italy's Gianluca Pozzi. Top seed Krajicek too admitted Wednesday that he had

problems getting accustomed to

the faster surface in Hong Kong.

RALLY ROUND THE BANGLADESH TEAM: The mass signing campaign by Milo is in full swing in schools, colleges and public places across the country. The programme is designed to generate support for the Bangladesh World Cup squad. The campaign slogan is "We'll be there with you all the way."

Early exit for Williams



AMELIA ISLAND. Florida, Apr 7: (AP): One sister. one night only. This time, The Williams Show

fizzled before it really began. Third-seeded Williams had a 10-match winning streak snapped Tuesday in the second round of the Bausch and Lomb Championships. It was a 6-4, 7-6 loss to Canada's Sonya Jeyaseelan, a 140thranked qualifier - the lowestranked player Williams has lost to since turning pro 4 1-2 years ago. It brought an early end to

Williams' quest for a third straight tournament title and halted the momentum she and her family gained two weeks ago, when Venus beat Serena Williams in the all sister final of The Lipton Championships.

"She played good tennis, I don't play my best," Williams said. "You win from your losses Maybe if I would have won, wouldn't have learned so much today.' Her father.

Richard Williams, watched the match from the stands. In the second set, he donned a blue cap with the word "Serena" embroidered in silver. But Serena was not

entered in the tournament and the magic the family produced two weeks ago would not reap-

The loss came on the green clay of Amelia Island Plantation, a surface with which Williams has long struggles. The slow surface took some punch out of the power game that stoked her to victory in the Lipton and in Oklahoma City before that.

Then, there was Jeyaseelan, the 22-year-old Canadian who had never before beaten a top-10 player.

She didn't shy away from trying to match Williams' power, but was liberal with the lobs, frequently going high to her opponent's backhand to pull out points. Leading 5-4 in the second set,

Jeyaseelan was serving for the

match, but committed three unforced errors and lost the game at love. It looked even worse in the tiebreaker when she fell behind 6-2, but she rallied for six

straight points to close out the match. "My goal was just to win one more point, one more point," she said. "When I got to 6-all,

the momentums shifted. She

double fault. Then I knew my chances were good to serve one more peint and close out the match.

It left Williams facing a tough span of practice on clay before heading over to Europe for matches leading up to the French Open.

"I'm just tired right now," she said. "It's tough. I've had a long season already. I have to just train harder."

Williams, who received a bye into the second round, joined No. 11 Magui Serna of Spain as the only other seed to be eliminated from the tournament on its second day. Seeded winners included No

1 Lindsay Davenport of the

United States, No 6 Patty Schnyder of Switzerland, No 8 Barbara Schett of Austria, and No 9 Anna Kournikova of Rus-Kornikova's 6-1, 7-5 victory over fellow Russian Evgenia Koulikovskaya set up a second-

against Jennifer Capriati of the United States. Davenport was effective in her first match since withdrawing from the Lipton because of a sprained left wrist. She beat

round match Wednesday



FIT TO PLAY: Superstar Zinedine Zidane practicing with Juventus teammates during a training session on April 6 at Old Trafford ahead of the European Cup semifinal first leg match against Manchester United. Zidane, who is straggling with a knee injury, was declared fit for the crucial tie.

Mauritius bid to keep on going

Saturday and can do the is-

landers a massive favour by



Apr 7 (Reuters/ Internet): The tiny Ocean Indian island of Mauritius, better known for sandy beaches and luxury hotels, seek to continue a fairytale run in the African Na-

JOHANNESBURG,

tions qualifiers this week. Traditional whipping boys in the early stages. Mauritius have turned around their fortunes and are on course for a place in next year's final, to be co-hosted by Ghana and Nige-

They play Angola in a group four match in Curepipe on Saturday, having already caused major upsets by beating the Angolans away in February and holding World Cup finalists South Africa to a draw a month earlier.

The return to the team of French-based midfielder Desire Periatambee has given the side more attacking flair and a confidence that belies their lowly status in African soccer. "There is incredible interest

now in our team and our chances," said Sada Vuddamalay, general-secretary of the Mauritian Football Association, on Wednesday. A second successive victory for Mauritius will leave them

with a strong chance to finish in the top two qualifying places in the group. It would also eliminate Angola from the running. Mauritius trail group leaders South Africa by three points go-

South Africa play away

against Gabon in Libreville on

ing into the match.

A total of 11 qualifying matches are set for the weekend with Morocco almost certain to secure their place in next Jannary's finals if they beat Togo in

beating the Gabonese.

Kafelnikov sent packing OEIRAS, Portugal, Apr 7: Top-seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov

6-3 first-round decision to unseeded Romanian Andrei Pavel, reports AP. It was the fourth time the Russian hasn't made it past the first round in the Estoril Open,

the traditional start of the Eu-

crashed out of the Estoril Open

on Tuesday, dropping a 6-3, 2-6,

ropean clay-court season. Kafelnikov, No 3 in the ATP Tour rankings, needed to win the tournament to have a chance to take the No 1 spot from Pete Sampras of the United States. Sampras is taking the week off, while No 2 Carlos Moya of Spain is playing in the Gold Flake Open in Madras,

India. Meanwhile, second-seeded Todd Martin of the United States advanced to the second round, beat 1998 winner Alberto Berasategui of Spain 6-1,

7-6 (7-3). Sixth-seeded Felix Mantilla of Spain routed Austrian claycourt specialist Thomas Muster 6-3, 6-2. Muster, a two-time champion in the tournament, appeared to be troubled by the high winds on the center court at the Estadio Nacional.

Casablanca in group two. There is also a chance for 1998 hosts Burkina Faso to

come Burundi at home in group The match is in Ouagadougou on Sunday. Tunisia and Zambia are also well on course for the finals and favoured to qualify this week-

make sure of a third successive

trip to the finals if they over-

Tunisia remain the only side with a 100 percent record in the qualifying tournament and seek a fourth successive win in group seven when they play Uganda in Kampala on Satur-

Zambia are at home to Kenya at Chilililabombwe on the country's northern Copperbelt because their normal home venue in Lusaka is under repair.

Coach Ben Bamfuchile has recalled veteran goalkeeper James Phiri to the squad this week to replace first choice Davies Phiri, hospitalised with a bout of malaria. Namibia, who were the sur-

nals in Burkina Faso, desperately need an away win against Mali in Bamako on Sunday to ensure they keep alive their scant chances. Veteran German-born coach Peter Uberjahn has returned to

prise package of last year's fi-

the helm and had a morale boosting draw in a friendly away against Swaziland last weekend. The other match in group

three sees the top two teams. Ivory Coast and Congo, meet in Abidjan on Sunday.